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OPENING OF QUTAB MINAR FOR TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether heritage site `Qutab Minar` has not been opened to public/tourists;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the Qutab Minar is likely to be opened?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b): The World Heritage site complex comprising Qutab Minar and other monuments are open to public and tourists. However, the tourists are not allowed to climb the Qutab Minar as the staircase is closed since 1981 after the stampede in which 45 persons had died and 20 were injured.

(c): The Staircase will be opened to public only after adequate security measures envisaged are implemented.